

# Consumer Income

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## MEDIAN INCOME OF PERSONS UP IN 1965

(Advance data from March 1966 sample survey)

Median incomes for both men and women rose in 1965, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The median income for men was \$4,800 and for women \$1,600. This represents an increase of approximately 4 percent for men and 8 percent for women over the 1964 medians.

The 1965 income statistics presented in this report were obtained from the Bureau's Current Population Survey of March 1966. The information was collected from the civilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their

families on post in the United States. More detailed income data for both families and persons will appear in a later report.

This report covers money income only, prior to deductions for taxes. For detailed definitions of the terms and concepts used in this report, see Current Population Reports, Series P-60, No. 47. Since the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. Moreover, as in all field surveys of income, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting.

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Table 1.—COLOR AND FARM-NONFARM RESIDENCE: PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1965, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Persons 14 years old and over as of March 1966)

Total money income	Male					Female				
	United States			Nonfarm	Farm	United States			Nonfarm	Farm
	Total	White	Nonwhite			Total	White	Nonwhite		
Number of persons.....thousands..	64,636	57,932	6,704	60,276	4,360	70,991	63,256	7,735	66,858	4,133
Number of persons with income thousands..	59,172	53,291	5,881	55,214	3,958	42,223	37,055	5,168	40,229	1,994
INCOME RECIPIENTS										
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$499 or loss.....	7.9	7.4	11.8	7.4	14.3	20.2	19.8	23.4	19.3	38.9
\$500 to \$999.....	5.9	5.4	11.0	5.7	9.2	17.3	16.8	20.9	17.1	22.0
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	5.9	5.5	8.8	5.5	11.0	11.5	11.3	13.4	11.6	9.8
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	4.5	4.3	7.0	4.3	8.2	7.4	7.1	9.2	7.5	5.5
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	5.2	4.7	9.3	5.0	7.4	7.2	7.1	7.1	7.4	4.8
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	4.1	3.9	6.1	4.0	5.6	5.4	5.4	5.1	5.4	4.2
\$3,000 to \$3,499.....	5.0	4.7	7.4	4.9	6.2	6.3	6.5	5.3	6.5	3.3
\$3,500 to \$3,999.....	3.9	3.8	5.2	3.9	5.3	4.6	4.8	2.9	4.7	2.8
\$4,000 to \$4,499.....	4.9	4.8	6.0	4.9	6.1	4.5	4.7	2.8	4.6	1.8
\$4,500 to \$4,999.....	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.1	4.0	3.4	3.6	2.1	3.5	2.1
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	10.3	10.4	9.1	10.5	7.0	5.3	5.6	3.3	5.5	1.9
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	9.5	10.0	5.5	9.9	4.4	2.7	2.8	2.0	2.8	1.2
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	8.2	8.7	3.7	8.6	3.1	1.6	1.6	0.9	1.6	0.7
\$8,000 to \$9,999.....	9.2	9.9	2.8	9.6	3.7	1.6	1.7	0.8	1.7	0.5
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	7.9	8.6	1.6	8.3	3.1	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.8	0.3
\$15,000 and over.....	3.4	3.8	0.2	3.5	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.4
Median income.....	\$4,824	\$5,135	\$2,672	\$5,040	\$2,490	\$1,564	\$1,648	\$1,213	\$1,636	\$752
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS										
Percent of civilian income recipients.	59.8	60.8	50.9	59.6	63.1	29.3	29.5	28.0	29.7	20.7
Median income.....	\$6,479	\$6,693	\$4,172	\$6,654	\$3,606	\$3,884	\$3,995	\$2,793	\$3,929	\$2,717

Table 2.—AGE AND SEX: PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1965, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Persons 14 years old and over as of March 1966)

Total money income	Male								Female							
	Total	Age (years)							Total	Age (years)						
		14 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over		14 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
Number of persons....thousands..	64,636	10,262	5,860	10,532	11,576	10,625	8,068	7,713	70,991	10,395	6,879	11,274	12,321	11,328	8,857	9,937
Number of persons with income thousands..	59,172	5,675	5,507	10,428	11,490	10,517	7,914	7,641	42,223	4,630	4,617	5,770	6,797	6,760	5,521	8,128
INCOME RECIPIENTS																
Percent.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$499 or loss.....	7.9	54.8	8.0	1.5	2.0	2.3	3.6	2.5	20.2	63.3	16.8	18.9	16.3	13.2	15.3	11.1
\$500 to \$999.....	5.9	19.1	9.3	1.8	1.5	2.2	4.3	13.1	17.3	13.9	12.8	10.5	9.7	10.4	14.9	40.3
\$1,000 to \$1,499.....	5.9	9.1	8.0	2.1	1.7	2.5	6.0	17.7	11.5	6.8	9.0	8.8	9.3	8.8	11.7	21.6
\$1,500 to \$1,999.....	4.5	4.1	7.1	2.1	1.5	2.6	4.3	13.9	7.4	3.2	8.3	7.2	7.1	7.6	7.9	9.1
\$2,000 to \$2,499.....	5.2	3.7	8.1	4.1	3.3	2.9	4.6	12.2	7.2	3.1	8.3	8.9	7.8	9.1	7.6	5.5
\$2,500 to \$2,999.....	4.1	2.4	6.1	3.0	2.6	3.0	4.4	8.7	5.4	1.9	6.8	6.2	7.6	6.6	5.6	2.9
\$3,000 to \$3,499.....	5.0	2.5	8.9	4.7	4.0	4.1	5.3	6.6	6.3	2.2	10.3	8.2	7.7	8.5	6.2	2.3
\$3,500 to \$3,999.....	3.9	1.4	5.2	4.5	3.6	3.8	4.2	4.5	4.6	1.0	6.6	5.7	6.2	6.2	5.4	1.4
\$4,000 to \$4,499.....	4.9	0.9	6.8	6.0	5.5	5.0	6.0	3.2	4.5	0.6	6.6	6.3	6.4	5.7	5.0	1.2
\$4,500 to \$4,999.....	4.1	0.7	6.1	5.4	4.3	4.5	4.4	2.1	3.4	0.2	4.5	4.6	5.2	5.0	3.4	0.9
\$5,000 to \$5,999.....	10.3	0.7	12.1	14.7	11.5	12.5	11.1	4.7	5.3	0.9	5.7	7.9	8.0	7.7	6.2	1.0
\$6,000 to \$6,999.....	9.5	0.4	7.1	14.3	11.9	12.7	10.1	3.1	2.7	0.6	1.4	4.1	4.0	3.9	3.8	0.8
\$7,000 to \$7,999.....	8.2	0.1	3.8	13.4	12.1	10.1	8.4	1.8	1.6	0.4	0.5	1.5	1.9	2.8	2.8	0.7
\$8,000 to \$9,999.....	9.2	-	2.5	12.7	15.5	12.8	8.8	1.9	1.6	1.1	0.9	0.8	1.9	3.2	2.6	0.6
\$10,000 to \$14,999.....	7.9	-	0.7	8.1	13.1	12.6	10.1	2.2	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.6	1.0	1.3	0.4
\$15,000 and over.....	3.4	-	0.1	1.7	5.9	6.5	4.2	1.7	0.3	-	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3
Median income.....	\$4,824	\$456	\$3,191	\$6,007	\$6,714	\$6,363	\$5,250	\$2,116	\$1,564	\$395	\$2,187	\$2,257	\$2,484	\$2,560	\$2,019	\$984
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS																
Percent of civilian income recipients.....	59.8	7.2	49.1	77.6	81.9	79.3	68.0	15.4	29.3	6.8	35.6	36.4	41.4	45.4	37.0	4.8
Median income.....	\$6,479	\$3,074	\$4,706	\$6,535	\$7,196	\$6,838	\$6,288	\$5,100	\$3,884	\$2,809	\$3,713	\$4,059	\$4,073	\$3,949	\$3,922	\$3,094

- Rounds to zero.

Table 3.—SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF PERSONS: MEDIAN INCOME IN 1965 OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Persons 14 years old and over as of March 1966)

Selected characteristics	Income recipients		Year-round full-time workers		Selected characteristics	Income recipients		Year-round full-time workers	
	Male	Female	Male	Female		Male	Female	Male	Female
Total.....	\$4,824	\$1,564	\$6,479	\$3,884	Employed civilians.....	\$5,767	\$2,845	\$6,519	\$3,931
REGIONS					MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP				
Northeast.....	\$5,286	\$1,941	\$6,682	\$3,985	Professional, technical, and kindred wkrs..	\$7,912	\$4,699	\$8,354	\$5,654
North Central.....	5,291	1,514	6,722	3,968	Self-employed.....	10,902	2,458	12,263	(B)
South.....	3,565	1,277	5,409	3,372	Salaried.....	7,801	4,852	8,506	5,696
West.....	5,573	1,822	7,353	4,552	Farmers and farm managers.....	2,988	(B)	3,293	(B)
RELATIONSHIP TO FAMILY HEAD					Managers, officials, and prop'r's, exc. farm	7,857	3,500	8,155	4,319
In families.....	\$4,976	\$1,480	\$6,525	\$3,800	Self-employed.....	6,433	1,800	6,930	2,342
Head.....	5,815	2,223	6,748	4,008	Salaried.....	8,646	4,200	9,011	4,843
Married, wife present.....	5,870	(X)	6,766	(X)	Clerical and kindred workers.....	5,746	3,631	6,349	4,308
Other marital status.....	3,864	2,223	5,759	4,008	Sales workers.....	5,958	2,142	7,246	3,111
Wife of head.....	(X)	1,708	(X)	3,806	Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers...	6,469	3,448	6,824	3,940
Other relative of head.....	1,109	840	4,275	3,648	Operatives and kindred workers.....	5,317	2,817	5,832	3,321
Unrelated individuals.....	3,108	1,888	5,625	4,334	Private household workers.....	(B)	766	(B)	1,369
WORK EXPERIENCE					Service workers, exc. private household...	4,068	1,851	5,113	2,873
Worked in 1965.....	\$5,404	\$2,319	(X)	(X)	Farm laborers and foremen.....	1,452	(B)	2,530	(B)
Worked at full-time jobs.....	5,890	3,126	(X)	(X)	Laborers, exc. farm and mine.....	3,343	(B)	4,487	(B)
50 to 52 weeks.....	6,479	3,883	(X)	(X)	MAJOR INDUSTRY GROUP				
49 weeks or less.....	3,202	1,731	(X)	(X)	Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries.....	\$2,484	\$888	\$3,217	(B)
Worked at part-time jobs.....	894	749	(X)	(X)	Mining.....	6,309	(B)	6,763	(B)
50 to 52 weeks.....	1,607	1,364	(X)	(X)	Construction.....	5,588	3,171	6,340	(B)
49 weeks or less.....	665	512	(X)	(X)	Manufacturing.....	6,345	3,267	6,864	\$3,890
Did not work in 1965.....	1,531	865	(X)	(X)	Transport., commun., & other public util..	6,541	4,220	6,884	4,811
					Wholesale trade.....	6,088	3,649	6,642	4,102
					Retail trade.....	4,468	2,218	5,806	3,227
					Finance, insurance, and real estate.....	6,769	3,698	7,370	4,215
					Business and repair services.....	5,564	3,283	6,436	4,568
					Personal services.....	3,658	1,086	4,724	2,168
					Entertainment and recreation services....	3,850	1,405	5,806	(B)
					Professional and related services.....	5,983	3,236	6,893	4,302
					Public administration.....	6,801	4,630	7,080	5,244

B Base less than 150,000.

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